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Statements on the programme budget implications of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session*

Note by the Secretariat

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* The present document is a provisional version of the statement on the administrative and programme budget implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session (see E/1994/24-E/CN.4/1994/132). It will appear in final form as an addendum to the report of the Commission.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In the course of its fiftieth session, the Commission on Human Rights adopted nine resolutions and two decisions that have programme budget implications for the 1994-1995 biennium. Those resolutions and decisions relate to new mandates or existing mandates that have been significantly expanded in scope.

2. Due to time constraints, written statements on the programme budget implications could not be submitted to the Commission. However, before taking a decision on those resolutions and decisions, and in accordance with regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission was informed through oral statements of the preliminary additional resources that would be required to implement the new and expanded mandates. The Commission was also informed that the full statements on the programme budget implications would be submitted to the Economic and Social Council in the context of the Council's consideration of the report of the Commission.

3. The present note contains the statements on the programme budget implications of the nine resolutions and two decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session and is submitted for the consideration of the Council.

4. The programme budget implications of those resolutions and decisions are summarized in the table below.

Summary by section of the programme budget implications for the biennium 1994-1995 of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session

(United States dollars)

	Resolutions	Section 21 Human rights	Section 25E Conference services	Total
1994/12	Human rights and extreme poverty	39 000	93 100	132 100
1994/20	Question of the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights	100 000	325 600	425 600
1994/21	The right to development	45 000	146 800	191 800
1994/41	Independence and impartiality of the judiciary	42 600	-	42 600
1994/45	The question of integrating the rights of women into the human rights mechanisms	75 900	-	75 900
1994/81	Human rights violations in the Papua New Guinea Island of Bougainville	46 200	25 200	71 400
1994/87	Situation of human rights in Zaire	38 300	25 200	63 500
1994/90	Prevention and eradication of the sale of children	-	226 800	226 800
1994/91	Implementation of the Convention on the rights of the child	-	226 800	226 800
	Decisions			
1994/102	Human Rights dimensions of population transfer	52 000	167 000	219 000
1994/111	Organization of the work of the session	-	204 000	204 000
	TOTAL	439 000	1 440 500	1 879 500

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II. STATEMENTS

Resolution 1994/12. Human rights and extreme poverty

A. Requests contained in the resolution

5. In paragraph 9 of resolution 1994/12, the Commission on Human Rights approved the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur relating to the organization of a seminar on extreme poverty and denial of human rights, to be held in October 1994.

6. In paragraph 12, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance for the fulfilment of his mandate, particularly his consultations with United Nations bodies, Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including, as appropriate, assistance from those with experience of the subject.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

7. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

8. They also fall under subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups" of section 21 (Human rights) of the 1994-1995 programme budget.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

9. The Special Rapporteur will organize a seminar for a period of five working days for 30 participants to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in October 1994, in connection with the celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Poverty on 17 October. As this would fall during the General Assembly, it would be subject to the availability of facilities and services and to review by the Committee on Conferences.

10. It is envisaged that resources would be required for eight participants from five different regions of the world and two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights who would travel to New York for the meeting.

D. Modification to the programme of work

11. The narrative of the programme of work under subprogramme 2 of section 21 would be modified through the addition of a reference to "a seminar on extreme poverty" in subparagraph (c), "Ad hoc expert groups ...", under Activities 1, "Parliamentary services".

E. Additional requirements at full cost

12. The estimated full cost of the above is itemized as follows:

I. Section 21

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Travel of eight persons	31 200
Round trip Geneva-New York of two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights to attend seminar (5 working days)	7 800
TOTAL I	39 000

II. Section 25E

Conference-servicing costs (New York, 1 week in 1994)	
Meeting servicing (10 meetings, languages E,F,S)	28 500
Pre-session documentation (30 pages, languages E,F,S)	16 900
In-session documentation (20 pages, languages E,F,S)	10 700
Post-session documentation (32 pages, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 800
Other requirements	2 200
TOTAL II	93 100
Grand total	132 100

F. Potential for absorption

13. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the estimated additional requirements of $39,000 related to the organization of the seminar. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

14. The conference-servicing costs relating to this draft resolution are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

G. Indication of additional requirements

15. Should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/12, it is estimated that additional requirements of $39,000 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

16. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this resolution, see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/20. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights

A. Requests contained in the resolution

17. In paragraph 9 of resolution 1994/20, the Commission on Human Rights recommended that, as a follow-up to the seminar on appropriate indicators to measure achievements in the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights, the Centre for Human Rights should convene expert seminars for chairpersons of the human rights treaty monitoring bodies and representatives of specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, as well as representatives of States, focused on specific economic, social and cultural rights, with a view to clarifying the particular content of these rights.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

18. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

19. They also fall under subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups" of section 21 (Human rights) of the 1994-1995 programme budget.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

20. As a follow-up to the above-mentioned seminar, it is envisaged that five seminars will be held in the current biennium.

21. A maximum of eight participants per seminar will be invited: two representatives of treaty monitoring bodies; two representatives of United Nations bodies, organs and specialized agencies; two representatives of non-governmental organizations; and two representatives from the academic community.

D. Modification to the programme of work

22. The narrative of the programme of work under subprogramme 2 of section 21 would be modified through the addition of a reference to "five seminars on specific economic, social and cultural rights" in subparagraph (c), "Ad hoc expert groups ...", under Activities 1, "Parliamentary Services".

E. Additional requirements at full cost

23. The estimated full cost of the above for the biennium 1994-1995 is itemized as follows:

I. Section 21

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Travel of five experts from outside Geneva to seminars	100 000

II. Section 25E

Conference-servicing costs	
Meeting services (6 meetings per seminar: E,F,S)	87 600
Pre-session documentation (30 pages per session in E,F,S)	86 500
In-session documentation (30 pages per session in E,F,S)	86 500
Post-session documentation (10 pages per session in A,C,E,F,R,S)	58 900
Other requirements	6 100
TOTAL II	325 600
Grand total	425 600

F. Potential for absorption

24. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the estimated additional requirements of $100,000 related to the convening of expert seminars in 1994-1995. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the existing resources under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

25. The conference-servicing costs relating to the meeting are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

G. Indication of additional requirements

26. Should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/20 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $100,000 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

27. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this resolution, see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/21. The right to development

A. Requests contained in the resolution

28. In paragraph 3 of resolution 1994/21, the Commission on Human Rights reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Working Group on the Right to Development is granted all the necessary assistance, in particular human and financial resources, to carry out its mandate.

29. In paragraph 7, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to convene a joint consultative meeting of the members of the Working Group and the chairpersons of the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, other relevant treaty-bodies and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and other relevant bodies so as to enable them to discuss and enrich their experience in matters of evaluation, criteria of performance and monitoring.

30. In paragraph 11, the Commission decided that the Working Group would hold two sessions, each for a two-week period, in May and October 1994, to continue to carry out the mandate of the Group.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

31. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

32. They also fall under the following programme component and activities of section 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 2. Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups

Activities 1. Parliamentary services

(b) Technical services: servicing of the session of the Commission on Human Rights and sessions of the working groups and of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

33. It is proposed that the joint consultative meeting be held during the period 19-23 September 1994 in conjunction with the meeting of the chairpersons of treaty bodies. Similarly, and in compliance with the request of the members of the Working Group to meet with the Chairperson of the Subcommission, the fifth session of the Working Group should be scheduled to coincide with the forty-seventh session of the Subcommission, in August 1995.

34. In accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution 1994/21, the Working Group will hold two sessions, each for a period of two weeks, in May and October 1994, to continue to carry out its mandate; that constitutes one additional session vis-à-vis the single annual session contemplated by the Commission at the time the Working Group was established in 1993.

35. Travel and subsistence allowance would be paid to the members of the Working Group.

36. Provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in the amount of US$ 90,000 to cover the substantive requirements in connection with the attendance of the members of the Working Group to one session per year. Appropriate provisions for conference-servicing have also been made for one annual session.

D. Modifications of the programme of work

37. No modification to the programme narrative is necessary.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

38. The estimated full cost of the above for the biennium is itemized as follows:

I. Section 21

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Travel of eight experts	45 000

II. Section 25E

Conference-servicing costs	
Meeting services (10 meetings, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	59 400
Pre-session documentation (32 pages, languages E,F,S)	17 900
In-session documentation (60 pages, languages E,F,S)	32 500
Post-session documentation (32 pages, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 800
Other requirements	2 200
TOTAL II	146 800
Grand total	191 800

F. Potential for absorption

39. The requirements related to the additional session of the Working Group in 1994 are estimated at US$ 45,000. These costs represent the net additional resources required over and above the resources already allocated in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in connection with the Working Group. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision under section 21 of the programme budget for 1994-1995.

40. The conference-servicing costs relating to this draft resolution are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

G. Indication of additional requirements

41. Should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/21 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $45,000 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

42. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this resolution, see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/41. Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers

A. Requests contained in the resolution

43. In paragraph 2 of resolution 1994/41, the Commission on Human Rights endorsed the recommendation of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, as contained in its resolution 1993/39 of 26 August 1993, to create a monitoring mechanism to follow up the question of the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, particularly with regard to judges and lawyers, as well as court officials, and the nature of the potential threats to this independence and impartiality.

44. In paragraph 3 of the same resolution, the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights is requested to appoint, for a period of three years, after consultation with the other members of the Bureau, a special rapporteur on the question of the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers.

45. In paragraph 6 of the same resolution, the Secretary-General is requested, within the limits of the resources of the United Nations, to provide the Special Rapporteur with any assistance needed for the discharge of his mandate.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

46. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 1, "Implementation of international instruments and procedures", of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/45/6/Rev.1).

47. They also fall under the following programme component and activities of subprogramme 1 of the programme budget for 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights):

Subprogramme 1. Implementation of international instruments and procedures

Activities 1. International cooperation:

(a) Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices, fact-finding, emergency and humanitarian relief services, legal services;

(i) Assisting special rapporteurs, representatives or other designees (thematic and country-oriented) dealing with human rights violations and investigations or fact-finding into reported situations and cases and reporting to the Commission on Human Rights or the General Assembly.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

48. During the course of each year, the Special Rapporteur will undertake two trips to Geneva, of five working days each, in order to hold consultations with the Centre for Human Rights, review documents and other pertinent material received, meet representatives of Governments as well as of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and prepare his report and present it to the Commission on Human Rights.

49. The Special Rapporteur, accompanied by one staff member of the Centre for Human Rights, will undertake a maximum of three field missions of five working days during the period 1994-1996 to the following regions: Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Western Europe or North America.

D. Modification to the 1994-1995 programme of work

50. No modification to the programme narrative is necessary.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

51. The estimated full cost of the above for the biennium 1994-1995 is itemized as follows:

Section 21

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Two round trips per annum of the Special Rapporteur to Geneva for consultations at the Centre for Human Rights (5 working days each)	20 300
One Mission per annum of the Special Rapporteur to Asia and Latin America during the period 1994-1995 accompanied by a staff member of the Centre for Human Rights (5 working days each)	22 300
TOTAL	42 600

F. Potential for absorption

52. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the estimated additional requirements of $42,600 related to the activities of the Special Rapporteur in 1994-1995. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Indication of additional requirements

53. Accordingly, should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/41 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $42,600 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

54. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this resolution, see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/45. The question of integrating the rights of women into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations and the elimination of violence against women

A. Requests contained in the resolution

55. In paragraph 6 of resolution 1994/45, the Commission on Human Rights decided to appoint, for a three-year period, a special rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and its consequences, who will report to the Commission on an annual basis beginning at its fifty-first session.

56. In paragraph 7, the Commission invited the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out this mandate, to:

(a) Seek and receive information on violence, its causes and its consequences, from Governments, treaty bodies, specialized agencies, other special rapporteurs responsible for various human rights questions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, and to respond effectively to such information;

(b) Recommend measures, ways and means, at the national, regional and international levels, to eliminate violence against women and its causes, and to remedy its consequences;

(c) Work closely with other special rapporteurs, special representatives, working groups and independent experts of the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and

with the treaty bodies, taking into account the Commission's request that they regularly and systematically include in their reports available information on human rights violations affecting women, and cooperate closely with the Commission on the Status of Women in the discharge of its functions.

57. In paragraph 10, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources required to perform all mandated functions, especially in carrying out and following up on missions undertaken either separately or jointly with other special rapporteurs and working groups, and adequate assistance for periodic consultations with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and all other treaty bodies.

58. In paragraph 11, the Commission on Human Rights also requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the reports of the Special Rapporteur are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women to assist in the Commission's work in the area of violence against women.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

59. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 1, "Implementation of international instruments and procedures", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

60. They also fall under the following programme component and activities of subprogramme section of 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for 1994-1995.

Subprogramme 1. Implementation of international instruments and procedures

Activities 1. International cooperation:

(a) Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices, fact-finding, emergency and humanitarian relief services, legal services;

(i) Assisting special rapporteurs, representatives or other designees (thematic and country-oriented) dealing with human rights violations and investigations or fact-finding into reported situations and cases and reporting to the Commission on Human Rights or the General Assembly;

(iii) Gathering of factual information and undertaking confidential studies and good offices, missions or other mandated exercises, including the organization of meetings, hearings, consultations and field visits, to assist policy-making organs in considering situations of alleged violations of human rights.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

61. During the course of each year, the Special Rapporteur will undertake two trips to Geneva, each for a period of five working days, in order to hold consultations at the Centre for Human Rights, review documents and other pertinent material received, meet representatives of Governments as well as of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and prepare her report to the Commission on Human Rights. She will visit the Centre again annually on the occasion of the presentation of her report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions.

62. The Special Rapporteur will work closely with other Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, working groups and independent experts of the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission. The period of consultations with the Centre in 1995 is scheduled for the month of August to coincide with the forty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission, so as to enable the Special Rapporteur to meet with relevant experts and rapporteurs of the Subcommission and to encourage the systematic and regular inclusion of information on human rights violations affecting women in their work.

63. In 1996, the second period of consultations is scheduled for one week (5 working days) in September 1996 to coincide with the meeting of chairpersons of treaty bodies, so as to enable the Special Rapporteur to brief all relevant treaty bodies, in particular the Committee on the Rights of the Child, on her work, with the objective of ensuring the inclusion of gender-aggregated data in their deliberations.

64. The Special Rapporteur will travel to Headquarters to participate at the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (once per annum, for three to five working days) in order to present her report to the Commission, to initiate closer cooperation with the Commission, to assist in its work on violence against women and to establish an effective link between the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women.

65. The Special Rapporteur will further travel, for the purpose of periodic consultations, to Headquarters to attend at least one of the two annual meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for three to five working days in 1994, 1995 and 1996, as required by the resolution.

66. In order to fulfil her mandate and meet with women's organizations from all regions, the Special Rapporteur, accompanied by one professional staff member of the Centre for Human Rights, will undertake a maximum of nine field missions during the period 1994-1996, as follows: one country in the Western European and others region to gather information and meet experts on the issue of domestic violence against women; one country in the Eastern European region to study in particular the question of violence against women in situations of armed conflict; one country in Asia to examine the issue of "comfort" women; one country in Africa to look into questions of harmful traditional practices against women in particular; and one country in Latin America.

67. The Special Rapporteur will undertake three additional missions at a later stage, in the light of the substantive requirements of the mandate. Each trip will last from five to 10 working days.

68. In September 1995, the Special Rapporteur will attend the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing.

D. Modification to the 1994-1995 programme of work

69. No modification of the programme narrative is necessary.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

70. The estimated full cost of the above for the biennium 1994-1995 is itemized as follows:

Section 21

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Two round trips per annum to Geneva of the Special Rapporteur for consultations at the Centre for Human Rights plus one additional trip in 1995 to present report to the Commission on Human Rights (5 working days each)	18 500
One round trip to New York per annum to present the report to the Commission on the Status of Women (3 working days each)	5 000
One round trip to New York per annum for consultations with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (3 working days each)	5 000
Nine field missions of the Special Rapporteur accompanied by one staff member of the Centre for Human Rights during 1994-1995 (5 working days each)	47 400
TOTAL	75 900

F. Potential for absorption

71. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the estimated additional requirements of $75,900 related to the activities of the Special Rapporteur. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision appropriated under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Indication of additional requirements

72. Should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/45 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $75,900 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

73. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this resolution, see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/81. Human rights violations in the Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville

A. Requests contained in the resolution

74. In paragraph 7 of resolution 1994/81, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General, in the light of developments between the adoption of the present resolution and 30 September 1994, to consider the appropriateness of appointing a special representative whose mandate may include:

(a) To establish direct contact with the Government of Papua New Guinea and representatives of the people of the various groups in the Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville to investigate the situation of human rights in Bougainville, including any progress made towards the full restoration of human rights and compliance with international human rights instruments and international humanitarian law;

(b) To explore ways to promote an end to armed conflict and to facilitate dialogue and negotiations between the parties to the conflict, with a view to reaching a comprehensive, just and lasting solution, and the full restoration of human rights;

(c) To receive credible and reliable information from Governments, non-governmental organizations and any other body that may assist him in carrying out his mandate;

(d) To report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

75. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 1, "Implementation of international standards, instruments and procedures", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

76. They also fall under the following programme component and activities of subprogramme 1 of section 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 1. Implementation of international instruments and procedures

Activities 1. International cooperation:

(a) Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices, fact-finding, emergency and humanitarian relief services, legal services;

(i) Assisting special rapporteurs, representatives or other designees (thematic and country-oriented) dealing with human rights violations and investigations or fact-finding into reported situations and cases and reporting to the Commission on Human Rights or the General Assembly;

(iii) Gathering of factual information and undertaking confidential studies and good offices missions or other mandated exercises, including the organization of meetings, hearings, consultations and field visits, to assist policy-making organs in considering situations of alleged violations of human rights.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

77. The activities and the requirements described below are subject to developments between 9 March and 30 September 1994, as indicated in paragraph 7 of the resolution.

78. In order to implement the requests contained in resolution 1994/81, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General would undertake two trips to Geneva, each for a period of five working days, in order to hold consultations at the Centre for Human Rights, review documentation and other pertinent material received, meet with representatives of non-governmental organizations, interview witnesses, and prepare his/her report to the Commission on Human Rights. He/she would again visit the Centre in February/March 1995 to present his/her report to the Commission. Also, the Special Representative, accompanied by two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights, would carry out one field

mission to Papua New Guinea, including Bougainville, for a period of up to 10 working days.

D. Modification of the 1994-1995 programme of work

79. No modification of the programme narrative is necessary.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

80. The estimated full cost of the above for the biennium is itemized as follows:

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I. Section 21	
Two round-trips to Geneva of the Special Representative for consultations at the Centre for Human Rights (5 working days each)	8 000
Field mission of the Special Representative accompanied by two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights (10 working days)	34 100
One round-trip to Geneva of the Special Representative to present his/her report to the Commission on Human Rights, February/March 1995 (5 working days)	4 100
TOTAL I	46 200
II. Section 25E	
One round-trip of two interpreters to accompany the Special Representative and two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights in connection with field mission (10 working days)	24 200
Translation of 300 pages of text into one language	1 000
TOTAL II	25 200
Grand total	71 400

F. Potential for absorption

81. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the estimated additional requirements of $46,200 related to the activities of the Special Representative. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. The relevant costs of two interpreters to accompany the Special Representative on his field mission, covering salary, travel and subsistence are estimated at US$ 24,200. In addition, the costs for the translation of 300 pages are estimated at US$ 1,000. It is envisaged that these costs can be absorbed from within existing resources under section 25E (Conference services) of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Indication of additional requirements

82. Should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/81 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $46,200 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

83. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of the resolution, see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/87. Situation of human rights in Zaire

A. Requests contained in the resolution

84. In paragraph 8 of resolution 1994/87, the Commission on Human Rights invited the Chairman of the Commission to appoint, after consultation with the Bureau, a Special Rapporteur mandated to establish direct contacts with the authorities and the people of Zaire.

85. In paragraph 9, the Commission requested the Special Rapporteur to report to the Commission on Human Rights, at its fifty-first session, on the basis of any information which might be gathered on the situation of human rights in Zaire, including information supplied by non-governmental organizations.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

86. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 1, "Implementation of international instruments and procedures", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/45/6/Rev.1).

87. They also fall under the following programme component and activities of subprogramme 1 of section 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 1. Implementation of international instruments and procedures

Activities 1. International cooperation:

(a) Settlement of disputes, special missions, good offices, fact-finding, emergency and humanitarian relief services, legal services;

(i) Assisting special rapporteurs, representatives or other designees (thematic and country-oriented) dealing with human rights violations and investigations or fact-finding into reported situations and cases and reporting to the Commission on Human Rights or the General Assembly;

(iii) Gathering of factual information and undertaking confidential studies and good offices missions or other mandated exercises, including the organization of meetings, hearings, consultations and field visits, to assist policy-making organs in considering situations of alleged violations of human rights.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

88. The Special Rapporteur would undertake three trips to Geneva, each for a period of five working days, to hold consultations at the Centre for Human Rights, review documentation and other pertinent materials received, meet with representatives of non-governmental organizations, interview witnesses and prepare his report to the Commission on Human Rights. He would again visit the Centre in February/March 1995 to present his report to the Commission.

89. The Special Rapporteur, accompanied by two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights, will carry out one field mission in 1994 to Zaire for a period of up to 10 working days.

D. Modification of the 1994-1995 programme of work

90. No modification of the programme narrative is necessary.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

91. The estimated full cost of the above for the biennium 1994-1995 is itemized as follows:

I. Section 21

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Two round-trips to Geneva of the Special Rapporteur for consultations at the Centre for Human Rights (5 working days each)	10 000
One field mission of the Special Rapporteur accompanied by two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights (10 working days)	23 300
One round-trip to Geneva of the Special Rapporteur to present his report to the Commission on Human Rights (5 working days)	5 000
TOTAL I	38 300

II. Section 25E

One round-trip of two interpreters to accompany the Special Rapporteur and two staff members of the Centre for Human Rights in connection with the field mission (10 working days)	24 200
Translation of 300 pages of text into one language	1 000
TOTAL II	25 200
Grand total	68 500

F. Potential for absorption

92. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the estimated additional requirements of $38,300 related to the activities of the Special Rapporteur on Zaire. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

93. The relevant costs of two interpreters to accompany the Special Rapporteur on his field mission, covering salary, travel and subsistence are estimated at US$ 24,200. In addition, the costs for the translation of 300 pages of text into English are estimated at US$ 1,000. It is estimated that these costs can be absorbed from within existing resources under section 25E (Conference services) of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Indication of additional requirements

94. Should the Economic and Social Council approve resolution 1994/87 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $38,300 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

H. Contingency fund

95. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this resolution, please see paragraph 132 below.

Resolution 1994/90. Need to adopt effective international measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

A. Requests contained in the resolution

96. In paragraph 17 of resolution 1994/90, the Commission on Human Rights decided to establish an open-ended inter-sessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights responsible for elaborating, as a matter of priority and in close cooperation with both the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Committee on the Rights of the Child, guidelines for a possible draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication.

97. In paragraph 20, the Commission also requested the Working Group to meet for a period of two weeks before the fifty-first session of the Commission.

98. In paragraph 21, the Commission further requested the Secretary-General to provide the Working Group with all the services it requires for the meeting to be held.

B. Relationship to the programme of work

99. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

100. It also falls under the following programme component and activities of subprogramme 2 of section 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 2. Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups

Activities 1. Parliamentary services:

(b) Technical services: Servicing of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and sessions of the working groups and of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

101. The Inter-sessional Open-ended Working Group will meet for two weeks at Geneva in order to elaborate guidelines for a possible draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as to review the basic measures for their prevention and eradication.

102. Participants in this working group will include 53 government representatives (members of the Commission on Human Rights) and representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

103. The substantive servicing of the Working Group would be provided by the Centre for Human Rights and its cost would be absorbed from within existing resources of section 21 of the 1994-1995 programme budget. The estimated full cost of conference-servicing to be provided to the Working Group is as follows:

Section 25E

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Conference-servicing costs (Geneva)	
Meeting services (20 meetings, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	118 700
Pre-session documentation (30 pages, A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 500
In-session documentation (30 pages A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 500
Post-session documentation (32 pages, A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 800
Other requirements	4 300
TOTAL	226 800

104. The conference-servicing costs relating to this draft resolution are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

Resolution 1994/91. Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

A. Requests contained in the resolution

105. In paragraph 13 of resolution 1994/91, the Commission on Human Rights decided to establish an open-ended inter-sessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate, as a matter of priority, a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, using as one basis for its discussions the preliminary draft optional protocol submitted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

106. In paragraph 15, the Commission requested the Working Group to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fifty-first session of the Commission.

B. Relationship to the programme of work

107. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups" of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

108. They also fall under the following component and activities of subprogramme 2 of section 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for 1994-1995:

Subprogramme 2. Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups

Activities 1. Parliamentary services:

(b) Technical services: servicing of the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and sessions of the Working Groups and of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

109. A two-week inter-sessional open-ended working group will be held in October/November 1994 at Geneva in order to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

110. Participants in this working group will include governmental representatives (53 member States of the Commission on Human Rights) and representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

111. The substantive servicing of the Working Group would be provided by the Centre for Human Rights and its cost would be absorbed from within existing resources of section 21 (Human rights) of the 1994-1995 programme budget. The estimated full cost of conference-servicing to be provided to the Working Group is as follows:

Section 25E

	$
Conference-servicing costs (Geneva)	
Meeting services (20 meetings, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	118 700
Pre-session documentation (30 pages, A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 500
In-session documentation (30 pages A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 500
Post-session documentation (32 pages, A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 800
Other requirements	4 300
TOTAL	226 800

112. The conference-servicing costs relating to this draft resolution are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

Decision 1994/102. Human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements

A. Requests contained in the decision

113. In subparagraph (a) of Commission on Human Rights decision 1994/102, the Commission on Human Rights, having noted resolution 1993/34 of 25 August 1993 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, decided, without a vote, to endorse the request to Mr. Al-Khasawneh, as Special Rapporteur, to continue the study on the human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements.

114. In subparagraph (b), the Commission decided, without a vote, to endorse the invitation to request the Secretary-General to organize a multidisciplinary expert seminar on the human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements, prior to the preparation of the

final report, in order to formulate appropriate final conclusions and recommendations.

115. In subparagraph (d), the Commission decided, without a vote, to endorse the invitation to request the Special Rapporteur to undertake on-site visits with the consent of the States concerned to diverse, ongoing cases of population transfer selected on the basis of information received for the next report.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

116. The activities referred to above fall under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups" of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

117. They also fall under subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups" of section 21 (Human rights) of the 1994-1995 programme budget.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

118. Pursuant to subparagraph (b) of the decision, a multidisciplinary expert seminar on the human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements, will be organized in Geneva for a period of four working days. A total of 10 participants, consisting of two experts (representatives of Governments, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations) from each of the five geographical regions, will be invited.

119. In accordance with subparagraph (d) of the decision, subject to the agreement of the Governments concerned, the Special Rapporteur envisages making two on-site visits, one to a country in Europe and one to a country in Asia. The Special Rapporteur will be accompanied by one staff member of the Centre for Human Rights.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work

120. The narrative of the programme of work under subprogramme 2 of section 21 would be modified through the addition of a reference to "a seminar on the human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantations of settlers and settlements" in subparagraph (c), "Ad hoc expert groups ...", under Activities 1, "Parliamentary services".

E. Additional requirements at full cost

121. The estimated cost of the above programme of work is itemized as follows:

I. Section 21

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Travel of 10 experts from five regions	40 000
Two missions of the Special Rapporteur to Europe and Asia during the biennium 1994-1995, accompanied by one staff member of the Centre for Human Rights (5 working days each)	12 000
TOTAL I	52 000

II. Section 25E

Conference-servicing costs	
Meeting servicing (8 meetings, languages E,F,S)	21 600
Pre-session documentation (150 pages, languages E,F,S)	80 300
In-session documentation (50 pages, languages E,F,S)	28 300
Post-session documentation (32 pages, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 900
General Services requirements	1 900
TOTAL II	167 000

F. Potential for absorption

122. No provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 under section 21 (Human rights) to cover the additional requirements of $52,000 related to the activities of decision 1994/102. At this stage, it is not anticipated that these requirements could be absorbed within the provision under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

G. Indication of additional requirements

123. Should the Economic and Social Council approve decision 1994/102 of the Commission on Human Rights, it is estimated that additional requirements of $52,000 would arise under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. The conference-servicing costs relating to the draft decision are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

H. Contingency fund

124. With regard to the possible use of the contingency fund for the implementation of this decision, please see paragraph 132 below.

Decision 1994/111. Organization of the work of the session

A. Requests contained in the resolution

125. By decision 1994/111, the Commission on Human Rights decided to convene an informal, open-ended working group, open to all participants, under the chairmanship of the Chairman of its fiftieth session for a maximum period of 10 working days to discuss:

(a) The reclustering of the agenda of the Commission, with a view to proposing a provisional agenda for the fifty-first session;

(b) Organizational matters related to the above, including the organization of work and documentation;

(c) A preliminary inventory of possible other reforms.

B. Relationship of requests to programme of work

126. The activity referred to above falls under Programme 35, "Promotion and protection of human rights", subprogramme 2, "Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups", of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1).

127. It also falls under the following programme component and activities of subprogramme 2 of section 21 (Human rights) of the programme budget for 1994-1995.

Subprogramme 2. Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups

Activities 1. Parliamentary services:

(b) Technical services: servicing of the session of the Commission on Human Rights and sessions of the working groups and of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

128. In September 1994, a meeting of the Inter-sessional Open-ended Working Group of the Commission will be held for a two-week period.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

129. The substantive servicing of the Working Group would be provided by the Centre for Human Rights and its costs would be absorbed from within existing resources of section 21 (Human rights) of the 1994-1995 programme budget. The full cost of conference-servicing to be provided to the Working Group is estimated as follows:

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Conference-servicing costs (Geneva, 2 weeks in 1994)	
Meeting services (20 meetings, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	118 700
Pre-session documentation (20 pages,languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	23 100
In-session documentation (20 pages, languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	23 100
Post-session documentation (32 pages,languages A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 800
Other requirements	4 300
TOTAL	204 000

130. The conference-servicing costs relating to this draft resolution are dealt with in paragraph 133 below.

III. SUMMARY

131. The requests contained in the resolutions and decisions referred to above would give rise to additional requirements totalling $439,000 under section 21 (Human rights) and $1,440,500 under section 25E (Conference services) of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Requirements of the Centre for Human Rights (section 21)

132. Under the procedure approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 21 of the

programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to accommodate the new mandates. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs relating to the new mandates from the contingency fund, the implementation of the resolutions and decisions may have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use and operation of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

Conference-servicing costs

133. As stated above, the requirements for conference-servicing costs amount to $1,440,500. This amount is based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 25E of the approved programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1994-1995. However, it should be noted that the 1994-1995 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1994-1995 were consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 25E of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE 1993 COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL RELATING TO THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: EMERGENCY RELIEF AND THE CONTINUUM TO REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Canada: draft decision

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its conclusions agreed to during the coordination segment of the 1993 substantive session,

(a) Welcomes with interest and appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations system with regard to natural disasters and other emergencies (A/49/177-E/1994/80);

(b) Requests, while fully recognizing the rich contribution of the report to the numerous aspects leading to the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/182 and 48/57, that further information be provided, namely:

(i) Information on the rapid response coordination problem for which the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee were requested as a matter of urgency (paras. 11 and 13 of General Assembly resolution 48/57);

(ii) Information on the shortcomings in the functioning of the Central Emergency Revolving Fund, corrective measures required and the desirability of increasing the resources available to the Fund, provided that consultations are duly conducted to that effect as called for in General Assembly resolution 48/57;

(c) Decides that the final decision to be taken, as mentioned in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 48/57, and the consideration of the recommendations mentioned in paragraphs 11 and 13 of the resolution, are

consequently postponed to a resumed session of the Economic and Social Council, to be held immediately prior to the consideration of questions of humanitarian assistance by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: REPORTS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES, CONFERENCES AND RELATED QUESTIONS: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:* draft resolution

Right of access of land-locked States to and from the sea and freedom of transit

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 44/214 of 22 December 1989, 46/212 of 20 December 1991 and 48/169 of 21 December 1993 and of other relevant resolutions of the United Nations relating to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries,

Recalling the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, adopted on 10 December 1982,

Recalling the Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States of 8 July 1965,

1. Reaffirms the right of access of land-locked States to and from the sea and freedom of transit through the territory of transit States by all means of transport, in accordance with international law;

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2. Requests all member States to abstain from any actions that infringe on the above right of land-locked States and to reverse any decisions that may have been made in violations of that right;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session about the implementation of the present resolution.

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COORDINATION OF UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HIV/AIDS

Angola, Argentina*, Australia, Austria*, Benin, Botswana*, Burkina Faso*, Canada, Denmark, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands*, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Sweden*, Switzerland*, Thailand*, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe: draft resolution

Joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1993/51 on the coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS,

Taking note of the decisions of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Bank to undertake a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS, on the basis of co-ownership, collaborative planning and execution, and an equitable sharing of responsibility,

Noting that the World Health Organization is prepared to be responsible for the administration in support of the programme, including during the transition period,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Emphasizing the urgent need to mobilize fully all United Nations system organizations and other development partners in the global response to HIV/AIDS, in a coordinated manner and according to the comparative advantages of each organization,

1. Endorses the establishment of a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS, as outlined in the annex to the present resolution, subject to further review by April 1995 of progress made towards its implementation;

2. Calls for the full implementation of the programme by no later than January 1996, and requests a report, confirming this implementation, to be submitted to its organizational session for 1996;

3. Notes that further details of the programme are being developed by the Inter-Agency Working Group that has been established by the six co-sponsors;

4. Invites the six co-sponsors to take immediate steps to transform the Inter-Agency Working Group into a formally constituted committee of co-sponsoring organizations, comprising the heads of those organizations or their specifically designated representatives, which would function under a rotational chairmanship, establish a transition team, and assume interim responsibility, inter alia, for overseeing the transition process leading to the full implementation of the programme;

5. Also invites the six co-sponsors, through the Committee, to initiate action to fill the position of director of the joint and co-sponsored programme, through an open, wide-ranging search process, including consultation with Governments and other concerned parties, and to submit their nominee to the Secretary-General, who will make the appointment;

6. Urges the six co-sponsors, through the Committee, to initiate, as soon as possible, programme activities at the country level, as well as any other programme elements on which there is already full consensus;

7. Stresses the priority to be given to the programme's activities at the country level, where the response to the urgent needs and problems created by HIV/AIDS should be focused and underlines, the importance of the programme's country-level operations' functioning within the framework of national plans and priorities and a strengthened resident coordinator system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/199;

8. Also stresses that during the transition process, the ongoing HIV/AIDS activities of each of the six co-sponsors should be maintained and/or enhanced, bearing in mind the need for these activities to fit within national AIDS programmes and the general framework of the joint and co-sponsored programme;

9. Requests the six co-sponsors, through the Committee, to produce by January 1995, for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council and other concerned parties, a comprehensive proposal specifying the programme's mission and the terms and conditions of co-ownership, and detailing the programme's organizational, programmatic, staffing, administrative and financial elements,

including proposed budgetary allocations, and to attach to this proposal an annex containing the proposed legal document that the six co-sponsors will sign to formally establish the programme;

10. Encourages the active involvement of the Task Force on HIV/AIDS Coordination during the programme's detailed development phase, through the direct provision of assistance to the committee, in accordance with the committee's requirements;

11. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to organize, in cooperation with the six co-sponsoring organizations, informal open-ended consultations to be held as soon as possible for the purpose of deciding on the specific composition of the programme coordinating board that will govern the programme, of interacting periodically with the committee during the transition period to facilitate progress towards programme implementation, and of reviewing the detailed programme proposal after it is received from the committee, with a view to making appropriate recommendations on the proposal by no later than April 1995.

ANNEX

Programme outline

1. The co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS represents an internationally coordinated response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The programme comprises the following United Nations system organizations: the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Bank. The programme has been formally endorsed by the Executive Boards of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the other four co-sponsors have also committed themselves to full participation.

2. The fundamental characteristics that define the programme are as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

3. The objectives of the programme are to:

(a) Provide global leadership in response to the epidemic;

(b) Achieve and promote global consensus on policy and programmatic approaches;

(c) Strengthen the capacity of the United Nations system to monitor trends and ensure that appropriate and effective policies and strategies are implemented at the country level;

(d) Strengthen the capacity of national Governments to develop comprehensive national strategies, and implement effective HIV/AIDS activities at the country level;

(e) Promote broad-based political and social mobilization to prevent and respond to HIV/AIDS within countries, ensuring that national responses involve a wide range of sectors and institutions;

(f) Advocate greater political commitment in responding to the epidemic at the global and country levels, including the mobilization and allocation of adequate resources for HIV/AIDS-related activities.

4. In fulfilling these objectives, the programme will collaborate with national Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, groups of people living with HIV/AIDS, and United Nations system organizations.

II. CO-SPONSORSHIP

5. The HIV/AIDS epidemic is a global concern. Inter-agency cooperation is vital for ensuring the mobilization of resources and the effective implementation of a coordinated programme of activities throughout the United Nations system.

6. The programme will draw upon the experience and strengths of the six co-sponsors to develop its strategies and policies, which will be incorporated in turn into their programmes and activities. The co-sponsors will share responsibility for the development of the programme, will contribute equally to its strategic direction, and will receive from it policy and technical guidance relating to the implementation of their own HIV/AIDS activities. In this way, the programme will also serve to harmonize the HIV/AIDS activities of the co-sponsors.

7. The programme will be managed by a director who will focus on the programme's overall strategy, technical guidance, research and development, and the global budget. The co-sponsors will contribute to the resource needs of the programme at levels to be determined. The World Health Organization will be responsible for the administration in support of the programme.

8. Other United Nations system organizations concerned with the HIV/AIDS epidemic may be encouraged to join the programme as co-sponsors in the future.

III. FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

9. The programme will build on the capacities and comparative advantages of the co-sponsors. At the global level, the programme will provide support in policy formulation, strategic planning, technical guidance, research and development, advocacy and external relations. This will include normative activities relating to HIV/AIDS in areas such as social and economic planning, population, culture, education, community development and social mobilization, sexual and reproductive health, and women and adolescents.

10. At the country level, the programme will provide support to the resident coordinator system. Co-sponsors will incorporate the normative work undertaken at the global level on policy, strategy and technical matters into their HIV/AIDS activities, consistent with national plans and priorities. An important function of the programme will be to strengthen national capacities to plan, coordinate, implement and monitor the overall response to HIV/AIDS. The participation in the programme of six organizations of the United Nations system will ensure the provision of technical and financial assistance to national activities in a coordinated multisectoral manner. This will strengthen intersectoral coordination of HIV/AIDS activities.

11. While the programme will not have a uniform regional structure, it will support inter-country or regional activities that may be required in response to the epidemic, utilizing regional mechanisms of the co-sponsors where appropriate.

IV. FLOW OF PROGRAMME FUNDS

12. Funds for programme activities at the global level will be obtained through appropriate common global means. Contributions to the programme will be channelled in accordance with the global budget and work plan.

13. Funding for country-level activities will be obtained primarily through existing fund-raising mechanisms of the co-sponsors. These funds will be channelled through the disbursement mechanisms and procedures of each organization.

V. FIELD-LEVEL COORDINATION

14. It is recognized that national Governments have the ultimate responsibility for the coordination of HIV/AIDS issues at the country level. To this end, the arrangements of the programme for coordinating HIV/AIDS activities will complement and support national development planning.

15. The coordination of field-level activities will be undertaken through the United Nations resident coordinator system within the framework of General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 47/199. This will involve a theme group on HIV/AIDS established by the resident coordinator and comprising representatives of the six co-sponsors and other United Nations system organizations. The chairperson of the theme group will be selected by consensus from among the

United Nations system representatives. It is intended that the theme group will help the United Nations system integrate more effectively its efforts with national coordination mechanisms. To support the coordination process, in a number of countries the programme will recruit a country staff member, who will assist the chairperson of the theme group in carrying out his or her functions.

VI. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

16. A programme director will be appointed by the Secretary-General upon the recommendation of the co-sponsors. This will follow a search process undertaken by the co-sponsors which will include consultation with Governments and other interested parties. The director will report directly to the programme coordinating board, which will serve as the governance structure for the programme. Annual reports prepared by the director will be submitted to the board, and will also be made available to the governing body of each of the co-sponsors.

17. The composition of the programme coordinating board will be determined on the basis of open-ended consultations, as outlined in operative paragraph 11 of the present resolution. In exercising its governance role, the board will have ultimate responsibility for all policy and budgetary matters. It will also review and decide upon the planning and execution of the programme. Its detailed responsibilities and meeting schedule will be specified in a terms of reference document, which is currently being developed.

18. The programme will also have a committee of co-sponsoring organizations, which will serve as a standing committee of the board. It will comprise one representative from each of the co-sponsors. The committee will meet regularly and will facilitate the input of the co-sponsors into the strategy, policies and operations of the programme.

19. Through consultation with interested non-governmental organizations, a mechanism will be established to ensure their meaningful participation in the programme, so that they can provide information, perspectives and advice to the board, based on their experience and involvement with HIV/AIDS issues.

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COORDINATION OF UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HIV/AIDS

Algeria*, Angola, Argentina*, Australia, Austria*, Belgium, Benin, Botswana*, Burkina Faso*, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg*, Malawi*, Morocco*, Netherlands*, New Zealand*, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain*, Sri Lanka, Sweden*, Switzerland*, Thailand*, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe: revised draft resolution

Joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1993/51 on the coordination of United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS,

Taking note of the decisions of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Bank to undertake a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS, on the basis of co-ownership,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

collaborative planning and execution, and an equitable sharing of responsibility,

Noting that the World Health Organization is to be responsible for the administration in support of the programme, including during the transition period,

Emphasizing that the global HIV/AIDS epidemic affects every country of the world and that its magnitude and impact are greatest in developing countries,

Emphasizing also the urgent need to mobilize fully all United Nations system organizations and other development partners in the global response to HIV/AIDS, in a coordinated manner and according to the comparative advantages of each organization,

1. Endorses the establishment of a joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS, as outlined in the annex to the present resolution, subject to further review by April 1995 of progress made towards its implementation;

2. Calls for the full implementation of the programme by no later than January 1996, and requests a report, confirming this implementation, to be submitted to its organizational session for 1996;

3. Notes that further details of the programme are being developed by the Inter-Agency Working Group that has been established by the six co-sponsors;

4. Invites the six co-sponsors to take immediate steps to transform the Inter-Agency Working Group into a formally constituted Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations, comprising the heads of those organizations or their specifically designated representatives, which would function under a rotational chairmanship, establish a transition team, and assume interim responsibility, inter alia, for overseeing the transition process leading to the full implementation of the programme;

5. Also invites the six co-sponsors, through the Committee, to initiate action to fill the position of director of the joint and co-sponsored programme as soon as possible, through an open, wide-ranging search process, including consultation with Governments and other concerned parties, and to submit their nominee to the Secretary-General, who will make the appointment;

6. Urges the six co-sponsors, through the Committee, to initiate, as soon as possible, programme activities at the country level, as well as any other programme elements on which there is already full consensus;

7. Stresses the priority to be given to the programme's activities at the country level, where the response to the urgent needs and problems posed by HIV/AIDS should be focused, and underlines the importance of the programme's country-level operations' functioning within the framework of national plans and priorities and a strengthened resident coordinator system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/199;

8. Also stresses that during the transition process, the ongoing HIV/AIDS activities of each of the six co-sponsors should be maintained and/or enhanced, bearing in mind the need for these activities to fit within national AIDS programmes and the general framework of the joint and co-sponsored programme;

9. Requests the six co-sponsors, through the Committee, to produce by January 1995, for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council and other concerned parties, a comprehensive proposal specifying the programme's mission statement and the terms and conditions of co-ownership, and detailing the programme's organizational, programmatic, staffing, administrative and financial elements, including proposed budgetary allocations, and to attach to this proposal an annex containing the proposed legal document that the six co-sponsors will sign to establish the programme formally;

10. Encourages the active involvement of the Task Force on HIV/AIDS Coordination during the programme's detailed development phase, through the direct provision of assistance to the Committee, in accordance with the Committee's requirements;

11. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to organize, in cooperation with the six co-sponsoring organizations, informal open-ended consultations to be held as soon as possible for the purpose of deciding on the specific composition of the programme coordinating board that will govern the programme, of interacting periodically with the Committee during the transition period to facilitate progress towards programme implementation, and of reviewing the detailed programme proposal after it is received from the Committee, with a view to making appropriate recommendations on the proposal by no later than April 1995.

ANNEX

Programme outline

1. The co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS represents an internationally coordinated response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The programme comprises the following United Nations system organizations: the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Bank. The programme has been formally endorsed by the Executive Boards of the World Health Organization (resolution EB93.R5) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (resolution 144EX-5.1.5), and the other four co-sponsors have also committed themselves to full participation.

2. The fundamental characteristics that define the programme are as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

3. The objectives of the programme are to:

(a) Provide global leadership in response to the epidemic;

(b) Achieve and promote global consensus on policy and programmatic approaches;

(c) Strengthen the capacity of the United Nations system to monitor trends and ensure that appropriate and effective policies and strategies are implemented at the country level;

(d) Strengthen the capacity of national Governments to develop comprehensive national strategies, and implement effective HIV/AIDS activities at the country level;

(e) Promote broad-based political and social mobilization to prevent and respond to HIV/AIDS within countries, ensuring that national responses involve a wide range of sectors and institutions;

(f) Advocate greater political commitment in responding to the epidemic at the global and country levels, including the mobilization and allocation of adequate resources for HIV/AIDS-related activities.

4. In fulfilling these objectives, the programme will collaborate with national Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, groups of people living with HIV/AIDS, and United Nations system organizations.

II. CO-SPONSORSHIP

5. The HIV/AIDS epidemic is a global concern. Inter-agency cooperation is vital for ensuring the mobilization of resources and the effective implementation of a coordinated programme of activities throughout the United Nations system.

6. The programme will draw upon the experience and strengths of the six co-sponsors to develop its strategies and policies, which will be incorporated in turn into their programmes and activities. The co-sponsors will share responsibility for the development of the programme, will contribute equally to its strategic direction, and will receive from it policy and technical guidance relating to the implementation of their HIV/AIDS activities. In this way, the programme will also serve to harmonize the HIV/AIDS activities of the co-sponsors.

7. The programme will be managed by a director who will focus on the programme's overall strategy, technical guidance, research and development, and the global budget. The co-sponsors will contribute to the resource needs of the programme at levels to be determined. The World Health Organization will be responsible for the administration in support of the programme.

8. Other United Nations system organizations concerned with the HIV/AIDS epidemic may be encouraged to join the programme as co-sponsors in the future.

III. FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

9. The programme will build on the capacities and comparative advantages of the co-sponsors. At the global level, the programme will provide support in policy formulation, strategic planning, technical guidance, research and development, advocacy and external relations. This will include normative activities relating to HIV/AIDS in areas such as social and economic planning, population, culture, education, community development and social mobilization, sexual and reproductive health, and women and adolescents.

10. At the country level, the programme will provide support to the resident coordinator system. Co-sponsors will incorporate the normative work undertaken at the global level on policy, strategy and technical matters into their HIV/AIDS activities, consistent with national plans and priorities. An important function of the programme will be to strengthen national capacities to plan, coordinate, implement and monitor the overall response to HIV/AIDS. The participation in the programme of six organizations of the United Nations system will ensure the provision of technical and financial assistance to national activities in a coordinated multisectoral manner. This will strengthen intersectoral coordination of HIV/AIDS activities and will facilitate further incorporation of these activities in national programme and planning processes.

11. While the programme will not have a uniform regional structure, it will support intercountry or regional activities that may be required in response to the epidemic, utilizing regional mechanisms of the co-sponsors where appropriate.

IV. FLOW OF PROGRAMME FUNDS

12. Funds for programme activities at the global level will be obtained through appropriate common global means. Contributions to the programme will be channelled in accordance with the global budget and work plan.

13. Funding for country-level activities will be obtained primarily through existing fund-raising mechanisms of the co-sponsors. These funds will be channelled through the disbursement mechanisms and procedures of each organization.

V. FIELD-LEVEL COORDINATION

14. It is recognized that national Governments have the ultimate responsibility for the coordination of HIV/AIDS issues at the country level. To this end, the arrangements of the programme for coordinating HIV/AIDS activities will complement and support national development planning.

15. The coordination of field-level activities will be undertaken through the United Nations resident coordinator system within the framework of General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 47/199. This will involve a theme group on HIV/AIDS established by the resident coordinator and comprising representatives of the six co-sponsors and other United Nations system organizations. The chairperson of the theme group will be selected by consensus from among the United Nations system representatives. It is intended that the theme group will help the United Nations system integrate more effectively its efforts with national coordination mechanisms. To support the coordination process, in a number of countries the programme will recruit a country staff member, who will assist the chairperson of the theme group in carrying out his or her functions.

VI. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

16. A programme director will be appointed by the Secretary-General upon the recommendation of the co-sponsors. This will follow a search process undertaken by the co-sponsors which will include consultation with Governments and other interested parties. The director will report directly to the programme coordinating board, which will serve as the governance structure for the programme. Annual reports prepared by the director will be submitted to the board, and will also be made available to the governing body of each of the co-sponsors.

17. The composition of the programme coordinating board will be determined on the basis of open-ended consultations, as outlined in operative paragraph 11 of the present resolution. In exercising its governance role, the board will have ultimate responsibility for all policy and budgetary matters. It will also review and decide upon the planning and execution of the programme. Its detailed responsibilities and meeting schedule will be specified in a terms of reference document, which is currently being developed.

18. The programme will also have a committee of co-sponsoring organizations, which will serve as a standing committee of the board. It will comprise one representative from each of the co-sponsors. The committee will meet regularly and will facilitate the input of the co-sponsors into the strategy, policies and operations of the programme.

19. Through consultation with interested non-governmental organizations, a mechanism will be established to ensure their meaningful participation in the programme, so that they can provide information, perspectives and advice to the board, based on their experience and involvement with HIV/AIDS issues.

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SOCIAL, HUNANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS:
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Bangladesh, India and the Russian Federation: draft decision

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of 10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987, 45/138 of 14 December 1990 and 48/115 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee, takes note of the requests regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee contained in the notes verbales dated 28 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, 23 December 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and 28 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, and recommends that the Assembly take a decision at its forty-ninth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee from forty-seven to fifty States.

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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: REPORTS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES, CONFERENCES AND RELATED QUESTIONS: COOPERATION IN FISHERIES IN AFRICA

Angola, Benin, Cameroon,* Cape Verde,* Congo,* Côte d'Ivoire,* Gabon, Ghana, Guinea,* Guinea-Bissau,* Mauritania,* Morocco,* Namibia* and Senegal: draft decision

Cooperation in fisheries in Africa

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the activities of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, submitted pursuant to resolution 1992/54; 1/

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its substantive session of 1995, the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the activities of the third session of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, scheduled to take place at Praia, Cape Verde, in November 1994;

(c) Decides to include in the agenda for its substantive session of 1995 an item entitled "Cooperation in fisheries in Africa".

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SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: SPECIAL ECONOMIC, HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Algeria, Costa Rica, Egypt,* Kuwait,* Lebanon,* Morocco,* Pakistan and Syrian Arab Republic: draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of General Assembly decision 48/450 of 21 December 1993, on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, in which the Council has called upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the urgent needs of Lebanon,

Aware of the magnitude of the country's requirements, subsequent to the vast destruction of its infrastructure which has impeded national rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and adversely affected economic and social conditions,

Reaffirming the great necessity for a regional and international initiative to assist the Government of Lebanon in the reconstruction of the country and the recovery of its human and economic potential,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of the Secretary-General in mobilizing assistance for Lebanon,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1. Appeals to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts;

2. Requests all organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to intensify their assistance in response to the urgent needs of Lebanon, especially in the technical and training fields;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its substantive session of 1995 of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS: REPORTS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES, CONFERENCES AND RELATED QUESTIONS: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Australia: draft decision

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session and provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session and endorses the decisions and recommendations contained in chapter I, sections A to F thereof;

(b) Invites Governments, the organs, organizations and programmes and funds of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations and major groups to implement the decisions and recommendations of the Commission and to take the necessary action to give them effective and transparent follow-up;

(c) Approves the provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. General discussion on progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, focusing on the cross-sectoral components of Agenda 21 and the critical elements of sustainability.

4. Financial resources and mechanisms.

5. Education, science, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building.

6. Review of sectoral cluster: Land, desertification, forests and biodiversity (Agenda 21, chapter 10, "Integrated approach to the planning and management of land resources"; Agenda 21, chapter 11, "Combating deforestation"; Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests; Agenda 21, chapter 12, "Managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought"; Agenda 21, chapter 13, "Managing fragile ecosystems: sustainable mountain development; Agenda 21, chapter 14, "Promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development"; and Agenda 21, chapter 15, "Conservation of biological diversity").

7. Other matters.

8. High-level meeting.

9. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Commission.

10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its third session.

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SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: SPECIAL ECONOMIC, HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Egypt:* draft resolution

Measures to be taken following the cyclones and floods that have affected Madagascar

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/234 of 14 February 1994 on emergency assistance to Madagascar, in which appeals were made to the international community to assist the Government of Madagascar in bringing the recovery efforts made following the cyclones and floods which struck Madagascar between January and March 1994 to a successful conclusion,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ on the implementation of the above resolution,

Recognizing that these climatic phenomena have led to losses of human life and to the destruction of a number of towns and have caused considerable damage to economic and social infrastructures, particularly in the agriculture, transport, communications and energy sectors,

Bearing in mind the fact that the above-mentioned sectors are of fundamental importance to the economy of Madagascar,

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* On behalf of the African Group of States and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Noting the efforts made by the Government of Madagascar to assist the victims of the cyclones and floods and to promote the country's growth and economic and social development,

Noting with satisfaction the emergency aid and assistance provided by a number of States, international and regional organizations, specialized agencies and voluntary institutions,

1. Again commends the international community, including the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, for the measures taken in order to supplement the efforts of the Government of Madagascar in the emergency aid and assistance operations;

2. Urges all States to participate in the implementation of the programmes for the recovery and reconstruction of the areas and sectors affected by the cyclones and floods;

3. Requests international and regional organizations, the specialized agencies and voluntary institutions to support, within the framework of their respective programmes, the efforts made by the Secretary-General to mobilize assistance, and to consider the requests for assistance formulated by the Government of Madagascar during the recovery and reconstruction phase;

4. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To send an inter-organizational mission to Madagascar to evaluate the damage caused by these cyclones and floods and the medium-term and long-term impact of these disasters on the national economy and to compile information capable of promoting concerted international assistance;

(b) To communicate the report of the mission to the international community;

(c) To take the necessary measures to assist the Government in preparing a reconstruction and rehabilitation programme in the affected regions and sectors;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995 and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

Algeria,* Australia, Austria, Belgium, China, Finland, France, Germany,** Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway,** Russian Federation and Switzerland:** draft resolution

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly calls for a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 1/ to be carried out at the Council's substantive session of 1994, and 48/188 of 21 December 1993,

Taking note of the report of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 23 to 27 May 1994,

Recalling the Yokohama Message, 2/ which calls upon countries to view the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World 3/ as a call to action, individually and in

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

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1/ General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex.

2/ E/1994/85, annex II.

3/ Ibid., annex I.

concert with other countries, to implement policies and goals reaffirmed in Yokohama, and to use the International Decade as a catalyst for change,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

1. Endorses the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, in particular its Plan of Action, adopted on 27 May 1994 by the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction;

2. Endorses also the findings of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

3. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution in the annex to the present resolution.

Annex

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, and 48/188 of 21 December 1993,

Expressing its support to all countries that have suffered a large loss of human life and heavy physical and economic damage as a result of natural disasters,

Emphasizing the important role of professional and other non-governmental organizations, particularly scientific and technological societies, humanitarian groups and investment institutions, in the implementation of programmes and activities of the Decade,

Recognizing the close interrelationship between disaster reduction and sustainable development, which was already recognized at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and taken account of in Agenda 21, 4/

Having considered the Yokohama Message 2/ and the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, 4/ in particular its Plan of Action, as adopted by the World

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4/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8), resolution 1, annex II.

Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 23 to 27 May 1994, and the recommendations and reports of the Main Committee and the technical committees of the Conference,

Having also considered the mid-term review and recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 with the purpose of providing guidance for the continuing implementation of the Decade,

Convinced that each country bears primary responsibility for protecting its people, infrastructure and other national assets from the impact of natural disasters and for taking steps to reduce the vulnerability of populations in areas at risk from natural hazards,

Noting that natural disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness measures can reduce the need for disaster response and contribute to improved levels of safety and are essential elements of integrated disaster management programmes,

Noting also that the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World calls for promoting and strengthening subregional, regional and international cooperation in activities to reduce natural and other related disasters through measures of prevention, mitigation and preparedness,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Decade and the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 1/ carried out by the Economic and Social Council, including the report and recommendations of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction,

1. Endorses the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, in particular its plan of action, adopted on 27 May 1994 by the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction;

2. Endorses also the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, carried out by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994;

3. Reiterates its call upon Member States, relevant intergovernmental bodies and all other participants in the Decade to participate actively in the financial and technical support of the Decade activities, including those of the secretariat of the Decade, in order to ensure the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, in particular, with a view to translating the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World and the Plan of Action contained therein, and the recommendations by the Main Committee and the technical committees of the World Conference into concrete programmes and activities of disaster reduction;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the outcome of the Conference be given as wide as possible dissemination, including transmission of the Yokohama Message and the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World to all Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, multilateral

financial institutions and the regional development banks, in order to secure their active and substantive contributions;

5. Encourages all developing and least developed countries to continue in the mobilization of domestic resources for disaster reduction activities and to facilitate their effective implementation;

6. Recommends that donor countries should raise the priority for disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness in their assistance programmes and budgets, on either a bilateral or a multilateral basis, including increasing contributions to and through the Decade Trust Fund;

7. Calls upon all countries exposed to disasters to take further action to reduce their vulnerability, by incorporating disaster reduction in their planning for sustainable development, based on the assessment of risk, and also encourages them to pursue the possibilities of regional cooperation in the light of the recommendations of the World Conference;

8. Expresses its gratitude to the members of the Special High-Level Council for their contribution during the first half of the Decade and invites the Secretary-General to strengthen the Council on the basis of the experience gained so far, by revising its objectives, function and composition, as follows:

(a) Effective promotion of public awareness;

(b) Increased private-sector involvement;

(c) Continued overall advice with respect to the Decade;

(d) Substantive support for the formulation of the Decade policies and for the management of the Decade Trust Fund;

(e) Adequate cooperation and coordination between beneficiaries, donors and the United Nations system in the process of the Decade's implementation;

(f) Equitable geographical and sectoral representation;

9. Commends the Scientific and Technical Committee on the Decade for the work accomplished during the first half of the Decade and encourages the Committee to continue its support of the Decade activities, rotating one third of its membership every year;

10. Commends the efforts of national committees and focal points for the Decade in raising the profile of disaster reduction activities at the national level and encourages them to continue in their efforts, and urges those Member States that have not yet done so to establish national committees or focal points;

11. Expresses its deep appreciation to those countries that have generously provided financial and technical support for the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

12. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs continues to bring closer together the operational and promotional efforts in disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, particularly those activities implemented by the United Nations humanitarian and development agencies, thus paving the way for successful attainment of the goals and objectives of the Decade;

13. Invites the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs to provide adequate delegation of authority to, and to enable direct reporting by, the Director of the secretariat of the Decade within the organizational structure of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, and in particular its Plan of Action, inter alia, through the closest possible cooperation and synergy between the secretariat of the Decade and those entities of the Department relating to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to review and extend the mandate of the Steering Committee of the United Nations for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and other related organizational entities established by the Secretary-General in 1988 to continue to coordinate the activities of the participating organizations within the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and to enable close cooperation between the Steering Committee of the Decade and the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee, where appropriate;

15. Calls upon all United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to participate actively in the implementation of the Plan of Action contained in the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, and to consider this issue in the forthcoming sessions of their respective governing bodies;

16. Commends those organizations that, in line with the open and participatory nature of the Decade, have already made significant contributions to the Decade programme;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to appeal to all Member States, international financial institutions and the private sector to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for financing the activities envisaged by the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World and its Plan of Action;

18. Invites the Secretary-General, in order to secure the timely implementation of the Yokohama Strategy and its Plan of Action, to make proposals to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on ways and means to ensure the functional security and continuity of the secretariat of the Decade, inter alia, by covering its core costs from the United Nations regular budget, starting with the biennium 1996-1997;

19. Expects the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction to be duly represented in those activities that commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations;

20. Decides to convene, not later than the year 2000, a second world conference on natural disaster reduction in order to carry out an overall review

of the accomplishments of the Decade and map a strategy for continued disaster reduction activities into the twenty-first century;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session initial recommendations for a second world conference on natural disaster reduction, on the basis of the successful arrangements of the first World Conference;

22. Requests also the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and of the recommendations of the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

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Algeria*, Australia, Austria, Belgium, China, Finland, France, Germany**, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway**, Russian Federation and Switzerland**: revised draft resolution

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly called for a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 1/ to be carried out at the Council's substantive session of 1994, and 48/188 of 21 December 1993,

Taking note of the report of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 23 to 27 May 1994,

Recalling the Yokohama Message, 2/ which calls upon countries to view the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World 3/ as a call to action, individually and in

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

** In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

1/ General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex.

2/ E/1994/85, annex II.

3/ Ibid., annex I.

concert with other countries, to implement policies and goals reaffirmed in Yokohama, and to use the International Decade as a catalyst for change,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 4/

1. Endorses the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, in particular its Plan of Action, adopted on 27 May 1994 by the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction;

2. Endorses also the findings of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

3. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution in the annex to the present resolution.

Annex

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, and 48/188 of 21 December 1993,

Expressing its support to all countries that have suffered a large loss of human life and heavy physical and economic damage as a result of natural disasters,

Emphasizing the important role of professional and other non-governmental organizations, particularly scientific and technological societies, humanitarian groups and investment institutions, in the implementation of programmes and activities of the Decade,

Recognizing the close interrelationship between disaster reduction and sustainable development, which was already recognized at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and taken account of in Agenda 21, 5/

Having considered the Yokohama Message 2/ and the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, 3/ in particular its Plan of Action, as adopted by the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, held in Yokohama, Japan, from 23 to

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4/ A/CONF.172/4 and Add.1-4.

5/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8), resolution 1, annex II.

27 May 1994, and the recommendations and reports of the Main Committee and the technical committees of the Conference,

Having also considered the mid-term review and recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 with the purpose of providing guidance for the continuing implementation of the Decade,

Convinced that each country bears primary responsibility for protecting its people, infrastructure and other national assets from the impact of natural disasters and for taking steps to reduce the vulnerability of populations in areas at risk from natural hazards,

Noting that natural disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness measures can reduce the need for disaster response and contribute to improved levels of safety and are essential elements of integrated disaster management programmes,

Noting also that the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World calls for promoting and strengthening subregional, regional and international cooperation in activities to reduce natural and other related disasters through measures of prevention, mitigation and preparedness,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Decade and the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, carried out by the Economic and Social Council, including the report and recommendations of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction,

1. Endorses the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, in particular its plan of action, adopted on 27 May 1994 by the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction;

2. Endorses also the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, carried out by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994;

3. Reiterates its call upon Member States, relevant intergovernmental bodies and all other participants in the Decade to participate actively in the financial and technical support of the Decade activities, including those of the secretariat of the Decade, in order to ensure the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, in particular, with a view to translating the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World and the Plan of Action contained therein, and the recommendations by the Main Committee and the technical committees of the World Conference into concrete programmes and activities of disaster reduction;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the outcome of the Conference be given as wide as possible dissemination, including transmission of the Yokohama Message and the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World to all Member States, relevant international and regional organizations, multilateral

financial institutions and the regional development banks, in order to secure their active and substantive contributions;

5. Encourages all developing and least developed countries to continue in the mobilization of domestic resources for disaster reduction activities and to facilitate their effective implementation;

6. Recommends that donor countries should raise the priority for disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness in their assistance programmes and budgets, on either a bilateral or a multilateral basis, including increasing contributions to and through the Decade Trust Fund;

7. Calls upon all countries exposed to disasters to take further action to reduce their vulnerability, by incorporating disaster reduction in their planning for sustainable development, based on the assessment of risk, and also encourages them to pursue the possibilities of regional cooperation in the light of the recommendations of the World Conference;

8. Expresses its gratitude to the members of the Special High-Level Council for their contribution during the first half of the Decade and invites the Secretary-General to strengthen the Council on the basis of the experience gained so far, by revising its objectives, function and composition, as follows:

(a) Effective promotion of public awareness;

(b) Increased private-sector involvement;

(c) Continued overall advice with respect to the Decade;

(d) Substantive support for the formulation of the Decade policies and for the management of the Decade Trust Fund;

(e) Adequate cooperation and coordination between beneficiaries, donors and the United Nations system in the process of the Decade's implementation;

(f) Equitable geographical and sectoral representation;

9. Commends the Scientific and Technical Committee on the Decade for the work accomplished during the first half of the Decade and encourages the Committee to continue its support of the Decade activities, rotating one third of its membership every year;

10. Commends the efforts of national committees and focal points for the Decade in raising the profile of disaster reduction activities at the national level and encourages them to continue in their efforts, and urges those Member States that have not yet done so to establish national committees or focal points;

11. Expresses its deep appreciation to those countries that have generously provided financial and technical support for the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

12. Calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs continues to bring closer together the operational and promotional efforts in disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, particularly those activities implemented by the United Nations humanitarian and development agencies, thus paving the way for successful attainment of the goals and objectives of the Decade;

13. Invites the Secretary-General to make available the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World and its Plan of Action to forthcoming conferences which consider development issues for their consideration as appropriate;

14. Invites the Secretary-General, therefore, to ensure the effective implementation of the Yokohama Strategy, and in particular its Plan of Action, inter alia, through the closest possible cooperation and synergy between the secretariat of the Decade and those entities of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs relating to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to review and extend the mandate of the Steering Committee of the United Nations for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and other related organizational entities established by the Secretary-General in 1988 to continue to coordinate the activities of the participating organizations within the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and to enable close cooperation between the Steering Committee of the Decade and the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee, where appropriate;

16. Calls upon all United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to participate actively in the implementation of the Plan of Action contained in the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World, and to consider this issue in the forthcoming sessions of their respective governing bodies;

17. Commends those organizations that, in line with the open and participatory nature of the Decade, have already made significant contributions to the Decade programme;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to appeal to all Member States, international financial institutions and the private sector to contribute generously to the Trust Fund for financing the activities envisaged by the Yokohama Strategy for a Safer World and its Plan of Action;

19. Invites the Secretary-General, in order to secure the timely implementation of the Yokohama Strategy and its Plan of Action, to make proposals to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on all possible ways and means to ensure the functional security and continuity of disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, taking into account the recommendations of the World Conference;

20. Expects the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction to be duly represented in those activities that commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations;

21. Decides to convene, not later than the year 2000, a second world conference on natural disaster reduction in order to carry out an overall review of the accomplishments of the Decade and map a strategy for continued disaster reduction activities into the twenty-first century;

22. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session initial recommendations for a second world conference on natural disaster reduction, on the basis of the successful arrangements of the first World Conference;

23. Requests also the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and of the recommendations of the mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.